accurate control of the penetration depth of the laser beam to visualize the at least two underlying pigmented color layers.

- 26. (New) A device for the inscription of a sheet-like adhesive system comprising a laser appliance cooperating with a means for the control of the laser beam as to its direction and irradiation intensity as determined by a manually operable control unit which is provided with a data memory and a data processor, characterized in that the control unit has superimposed thereon a keyboard with a converter for immediate digital input of characters or other signs or corresponding data records.
- 27. (New) A device according to claim 26 and further including transferring the data generated by other production steps alternately or simultaneously to a program of the control unit for control.
- 28. (New) A device for inscription of a sheet-like adhesive system comprising a laser appliance cooperating with a means for the control of a laser beam as to its direction and irradiation intensity as determined by a control unit which is provided with a data memory and a data processor, characterized in that the data generated by other production steps are transferred to control a program of the control unit.--

<u>REMARKS</u>

The English translation of the specification submitted herewith is an accurate translation of the original specification.

The pending claims in PCT/EP00/03152 have been canceled and replaced with a new set of claims set to conform to U.S. practice for entry into National Phase. No

new matter has been added. Accordingly, prosecution on the merits hereof is respectfully requested.

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